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OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH,

*On Wednesday May 22, Thursday May 23, Friday May 24, Saturday
May 25, and Monday May 27,*

1839.

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LIST OF CLERGY,

In the Diocese of North Carolina, entitled to Seats in the Convention.

- Right Rev. LEVI SILLIMAN IVES, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Ex-Officio President of the Convention.
- Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
- Rev. MOSES A. CURTIS, Episcopal School, Raleigh.
- Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and Christ Church, Rowan County.
- Rev. ROBERT B. DRANE, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. GEORGE W. FREEMAN, Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh.
- Rev. EDWARD N. FORBES, Missionary, officiating at Pettigrew's Chapel, Washington County, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. WILLIAM M. GREEN, Professor of Rhetoric, &c., in the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- Rev. W. N. HAWKS, Rector of the Griffin School, Newbern.
- Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- Rev. T. S. W. MOTT, Rector of St. John's, in the Wilderness, Henderson County.
- Rev. CAMERON F. MCRAE, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.
- Rev. HENRY H. PROUT, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
- Rev. JOHN SINGELTARY, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.
- Rev. HARVEY STANLY, Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
- Rev. WILLIAM THURSTON, Rector of St. Stephen's, Oxford, and St. John's, Williamsborough.
- Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, Rector of St. James's Church, Granville County.
- Rev. JOHN TOLAND, Missionary, St. Thomas's, Bath.
- Rev. PHILIP B. WILEY, Rector of Calvary Church, Wadesborough.

The Rev. Messrs. DAVIS, MOTT, STANLY, and TOLAND, were not present at this Convention.



LIST OF LAY DELEGATES ELECTED TO THIS CONVENTION.

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| <p><i>Hon. Duncan Cameron,</i>
 <i>Charles Manly,</i>
 <i>Wm. H. Haywood, Jr.,</i>
 <i>Dr. John Beckwith,</i></p> | } | Christ Church, Raleigh. |
| <p><i>Dr. A. J. DeRosset,</i>
 <i>Dr. Frederick J. Hill,</i>
 <i>Wm. B. Giles,</i>
 <i>Jeremiah Lippitt,</i></p> | } | St. James's Church, Wilmington. |

- John W. Wright,*
Dr. Thos. N. Cameron,
Edward J. Hale, } St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
- James W. Bryan,*
Charles Shepard,
John Blackwell,
Dr. John R. Justice, } Christ Church, Newbern.
- George W. Burgwin,*
P. H. Mangum,
James M. Palmer,
A. Mickle, } St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
- Dr. Walter G. Jones,*
Thos. S. Ashe,
E. S. Hubbard,
Wm. E. Troy, } Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
- Joshua Skinner,* St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- John B. Lord,*
Charles K. Wheeler,
Wm. M. Locke, } St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
- Maurice Q. Waddell,*
Henry A. London,
John H. Haughton,
Wm. H. Hardin, } St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.
- Joshua Tayloe,*
Abner P. Neale,
Wm. B. Otis,
Eli Hoyt, } St. Peter's Church, Washington.
- George E. Spruill,*
Wm. G. Noble,
Jacob B. Morse, } Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.
- R. N. Herndon,*
Russel Kingsbury,
Dr. John R. Herndon, } St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.
- Edw'd Laughinghouse,*
Fenner B. Satterthwait,
W. J. Laughinghouse, } Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County.
- Dr. Edward Speed,*
Dennis T. Paschall,
Coke Taylor,
Lunsford A. Paschall, } St. James's Church, Granville County.
- Hon. John L. Bailey,*
Dr. J. Q. Perkins,
C. R. Kinney,
Hon. Wm. B. Shepard, } Christ Church, Elizabeth City.

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RALEIGH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 22d, 1839.

This being the day and place for the meeting of the 23d Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, the Rt. Rev. Bishop and attending Clergy assembled in Christ Church.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The list of Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention was called, and the following were found to be present:

REV. J. B. BUXTON,	REV. SAMUEL I. JOHNSON,
REV. MOSES A. CURTIS,	REV. CAMERON F. McRAE,
REV. ROBT. B. DRANE,	REV. LEWIS TAYLOR,
REV. GEORGE W. FREEMAN,	REV. WILLIAM THURSTON,
REV. EDWARD N. FORBES,	REV. PHILIP B. WILEY.
REV. WM. N. HAWKS,	

The Certificates of Lay Delegation were called for, laid on the Secretary's table, and read. The following Churches appeared to be represented, and the following Delegates elected:

Christ Church, Raleigh.—Hon. Duncan Cameron, Charles Manly, Wm. H. Haywood, Jr., and Dr. John Beckwith.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Dr. Frederick J. Hill, Wm. B. Giles, and Jeremiah Lippitt.

St. John's Church, Fayetteville.—John W. Wright, Dr. Thomas N. Cameron, and E. J. Hale.

Christ Church, Newbern.—James W. Bryan, Charles Shepard, John Blackwell, and Dr. John R. Justice.

St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.—George W. Burgwin, P. H. Mangum, James M. Palmer, and A. Mickle.

Calvary Church, Wadesborough.—Dr. Walter G. Jones, Thomas S. Ashe, E. S. Hubbard, and Wm. E. Troy.

Of whom the following appeared and took their seats, viz: Hon. Duncan Cameron, Charles Manly, Wm. H. Haywood, Jr., Dr. John Beckwith, Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Dr. Frederick J. Hill, Edward J. Hale, P. H. Mangum, A. Mickle, Jas. M. Palmer, E. S. Hubbard, and Wm. E. Troy.

The President declared the Convention duly organized, and ready for the transaction of business.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to ballot for a Secretary for the ensuing Conventional year, and Edward J. Hale was declared to be duly elected.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hawks, the Rules of Order heretofore in force for the government of the proceedings of the Convention, were adopted for this Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to ascertain what Clergymen and what Lay Delegates are entitled to seats in this Convention.

The following were appointed by the President to compose said Committee, viz: Rev. Messrs. Drane and Buxton, of the Clergy; and Mr. Haywood of the Laity.

On motion of Mr. Haywood, it was

Resolved, That a Select Committee of seven be appointed to examine into the condition and situation of the Episcopal School—to report its present condition and future prospects; and also what steps have been taken, and what more is requisite, to secure the Episcopal Fund heretofore loaned to the School,—and generally to report upon all matters connected with the Episcopal School.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. McRae, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Drane.

In the Evening, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Thurston, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Forbes, from the Gospel according to St. Luke, 14th chapter and latter clause of the 18th verse.



THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1839.

Convention met according to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Dr. Walter G. Jones, a Delegate from Calvary Church, Wadesborough, appeared and took his seat.

Certificates of Lay Delegation from the following Churches, were presented, with the names of the Delegates annexed, viz:

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—Joshua Skinner.

St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.—John B. Lord, Charles K. Wheeler, and Wm. M. Locke.

St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.—Maurice Q. Waddell, Henry A. London, J. H. Haughton, and Wm. H. Hardin.

St. Peter's Church, Washington.—Joshua Tayloe, Abner P. Neale, Wm. B. Otis, and Eli Hoyt.

Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.—Geo. E. Spruill, Wm. G. Noble, and Jacob B. Morse.

St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.—R. N. Herndon, Russel Kingsbury, and Dr. John R. Herndon.

Trinity Church, Beaufort County.—Edward Laughinghouse, Fenner B. Satterthwait, and Wm. J. Laughinghouse.

Of whom the following appeared and took their seats, viz: Joshua Skinner, John B. Lord, Wm. M. Locke, J. H. Haughton, Wm. H. Hardin, Wm. B. Otis, Geo. E. Spruill, Wm. G. Noble, Dr. John R. Herndon, and Edward Laughinghouse.

The Rev. Mr. Drane, from the Committee appointed to inquire what Clergymen and Lay Delegates are entitled to seats in the Convention, reported, that the lists recorded above are correct.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, viz:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. Singeltary, Buxton, McRae, Forbes, and Thurston.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. George E. Spruill, Charles Manly, Joshua Skinner, Dr. F. J. Hill, and Dr. A. J. DeRosset.

The President also announced the following as the Committee on the state of the Episcopal School, under the resolution adopted yesterday, viz: The Rev. Messrs. Drane and Wiley of the Clergy; and Messrs. Wm. H. Haywood, Jr., Duncan Cameron, George E. Spruill, P. H. Mangum, and John W. Wright.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Singeltary.

Resolved, That the Candidates for Orders, who are or may be present at this Convention, and Ministers who are not canonically entitled to seats, be admitted to honorary seats in the Convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Prout, Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough; and Messrs. Edwin Geer, John Backhaus, and Joseph B. Cheshire, Candidates for Orders, appeared and took seats.

The Convention then took a recess for Morning Service.

Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Johnston, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Prout, from Isaiah, 40th ch., 1st and 2d verses.

The Convention assembled after Divine Service.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop read his Annual Address, as follows:

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY,

MEMBERS OF THIS CONVENTION:

Once more are we called upon to record our sentiments of devout thankfulness to God for his kind Providence over that portion of his heritage with which he hath put us in trust, and for permitting us again to assemble, under circumstances of encouragement, to counsel for its welfare and advancement.

Notwithstanding the serious disadvantages under which we labor, mainly from the want of Clergy, the Church in our Diocese is, under the power of God's truth, manifestly advancing, both in respect to numbers and to its influence upon the hearts and lives of men. While, therefore, we do not close our eyes to our necessities, but lament and strive zealously to

supply them, it becomcs us to cherish a lively sense of obligation to God for the measure of his past favour, and to cast ourselves in humble confidence upon his mercy and blessing in Jesus Christ for the time to come, ever bearing in mind that *he is faithful who hath promised.*

The following is a statement of "the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention,"* with some remarks designed to throw light on the same:

The Churches have been visited, and Episcopal acts been performed, in the following order.

On the 9th of June, I officiated in St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, and confirmed *five* persons. The next day, Trinity Sunday, preached in the same Church, and admitted to the order of Priests, the Rev. Lewis Taylor, Missionary in Granville County, and the Rev. Wm. Thurston, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, and St. John's Church, Williamsborough.

On the 13th, I started on a visitation to the Churches in the Western part of the Diocese.

17th, preached twice in Lincolnton—baptized and confirmed *one* person. To the zeal and liberality of two or three families in this place, is the Church indebted for the prospect of soon having a suitable building for public worship.

24th June, and 1st July, preached in St. John's, in the Wilderness, Flat Rock, and on the latter Sunday administered the Holy Communion.

Owing to an injury received in travelling, I was unable to officiate again till the 13th, at which time I preached and administered the Holy Communion at the house of Mr. Mills, an aged member of the Church, in Iredell County.

14th and 15th, preached in Christ Church, Rowan—confirmed *twenty-one* persons, and administered the Holy Communion to an unusually large number.

17th, and five succeeding days, I passed in the Parish of St. Luke, Salisbury, but from the effects of the injury before mentioned, was unable to officiate more than *twice*. It gives me unfeigned satisfaction, to learn, that after a long season of great deadness in this region, on the subject of God's mercies, vouchsafed through his Church, some signs of a better state of things begin to appear.

On the 22d, I was to have officiated at Lexington, Davidson County, but, owing to continued indisposition, was compelled, much to my regret, to recall the appointment.

25th, and five days succeeding, I passed near Spring Garden, Rockingham County, where I preached *once*, baptized *two* adults, and confirmed *five* persons. This was the *second* Episcopal Service (the first having been performed by myself the previous year,) ever held in this County. It is, however, a highly interesting portion of the Diocese, being blest with a rich soil, a healthy climate, and, in general, an enterprising population. The Church, too, has among them some wealthy and substantial friends, who evince every disposition to do their part in securing for themselves

* See Sec. 2, Can. VII, 1835.

the blessings of the Gospel in the Church. The only thing wanting is a faithful Minister.

1st to 7th of August, passed in the Parish of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, preached *four* times, confirmed *four* persons, and administered Holy Communion.

7th, preached in St. Mary's Chapel, Orange County, and confirmed *one* person.

9th, preached in Salem Chapel, to a large congregation, chiefly of coloured persons from the plantations of Messrs. Cameron and Bennehan, for the benefit of whose slaves the Chapel was erected.

10th, preached at Fort Creek Academy, baptized an adult and confirmed *two* persons. The Missionary here has reason to take courage, from a manifestly increasing interest in the Church, and from the fact of a successful effort now making by his congregation to erect a house of worship in place of the one which, for the sake of peace, they have recently yielded to the unreasonable claims of others.

12th and 13th, visited St. Stephen's Parish, Oxford, preached twice in St. Stephen's Church, baptized *four* and confirmed *six* persons, and administered Holy Communion.

15th, preached in St. John's Church, Williamsborough. The interests of the Church in Granville County, exhibit evidences of decided improvement since my last year's visitation.

19th, preached in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton—confirmed *one* person, and administered Holy Communion. This Parish, long without a Clergyman, though among the most necessitous and important in the Diocese, is, as I learn, to be supplied after June next; but from a source which leaves another Parish, no less necessitous and important, destitute of the ministrations of the Gospel.

During the first two weeks in September, I attended the sittings of the General Convention of the Church, assembled in the City of Philadelphia; and I cannot withhold an expression of thankfulness to its Almighty Ruler and Head, for the christian harmony and good will which characterized the deliberations of that body, notwithstanding questions of deep interest to our ecclesiastical system, concerning which, differences of opinion prevailed, were submitted to its decisions. For the proceedings of that Convention, I must refer you to its Journal, published in New York;—not however, without recording my heartfelt satisfaction in being permitted to unite in the election of the Rev. Dr. Polk, of Tennessee, as Missionary Bishop to Arkansas; and calling your attention to a proposed alteration in the Sixth Article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, submitted to the several Diocesan Conventions, and found on the 15th and 16th pages of the Journal of the General Convention referred to.

I trust it may not be considered out of place to notice here the STANDARD edition of the Book of Common Prayer, set forth by a Committee appointed for that purpose by the last General Convention. That edition, besides being purged of *typographical* errors—the only legitimate work of said Committee under the resolution appointing them—has been deprived of certain words in the Institution Office, of which it could not, in the

judgment of your Bishop, be lawfully deprived, according to the eighth Article of the Constitution, "unless the alteration" in the words of that Article "had been proposed in one General Convention, and by a resolve thereof, made known to the Convention of every Diocese or State, and adopted at the subsequent General Convention."

Notwithstanding my personal regard, therefore, for the members of that Committee, and my entire confidence in the purity of their motives, "I am reluctantly compelled" (I use the words of the Bishop of New York,) "to give notice to the Clergy and members of my Diocese, that the above edition is, in the important respect pointed out, faulty;" and that "New editions of the Prayer Book, duly compared with and corrected by the Standard, but with the Institution Office retained in its integrity, are, I doubt not, entitled to full confidence as correct."

The omission complained of may, in itself, be small; but the *principle* involved in the *manner* in which it has been made, does, in my view, throw open all the Constitutional safeguards to our Liturgy. The Constitution provides *one way*, and one way *only*, to effect an alteration or addition in the Book of Common Prayer, or other Offices of the Church, or the Articles of Religion." The simple inquiry is, has the alteration in question been effected *in agreement with this way?* The Committee themselves, acknowledge that it has *not*; acknowledge that it cannot be brought under the Eighth Article of the Constitution even by construction; but seek to defend it on the ground of there being *exceptions* to the article;—the ground that *certain alterations or additions* may be made in the Prayer Book, otherwise than in the Constitutional way;—but the Constitution is explicit that "no alteration or addition shall be made," unless in the way it prescribes. It is urged that the *General Convention* has made such alterations and additions. The answer is, if it have done so, it has been guilty of transcending its powers,—for it is bound, equally with every individual member of the Church, by its own Constitution, till that Constitution be altered in the manner in which itself provides. But upon careful examination of all the places cited to show that the General Convention has been thus guilty, and of all the arguments based thereupon, I cannot perceive that it has yet gone further, or adopted a principle which would necessarily carry it further, than to suspend, in certain cases, the *operation* of a rubrick, without touching its "*substance*," and hence, without making in the sense of the Constitution any "alteration or addition in the Book of Common Prayer, &c." Be that as it may, nothing can be more important to the security of our Liturgy, which is acknowledged on all hands to be the bulwark of the Faith in this age of startling innovation, than to preserve inviolate, the only Constitutional provision which guards its integrity. Every Churchman is deeply interested in this, and especially every Diocese. Placed therefore, as the chief watchman on the walls of this portion of our Spiritual Zion, I have felt myself constrained—under the clear conviction that the Committee of Publication have, however conscientiously, acted upon a principle, in their omission in the Institution Office, which, if carried out, would be productive of the most mischievous consequences—to give the above notice, and exposition of my views of the matter.

I returned the last of October to this City, where I remained, officiating ten times in Christ Church, and conducting the Studies of, and delivering Lectures to a Class of Students in Theology, till the middle of January, when I left on a visitation to the Churches in the Southern portion of the Diocese.

While on this visitation, my concurrence was asked in the elevation of the Rev. Wm. H. Delancey, D. D., to the Episcopate of Western New York, a Diocese created by a division of the large Diocese of New York, under the provision made by the late General Convention for such cases. With a ready mind and a glad heart, did I give this concurrence, convinced that the choice of this newly formed Diocese could not have fallen on a brother more eminently fitted for this holy work. The consecration of Dr. Delancey, I learn, has already taken place. May the Spirit of Him who hath called him to this high office, animate, comfort, strengthen and guide him in its solemn duties;—making him the happy instrument of salvation to those to whom he is sent, and at last rewarding his labours with an imperishable crown of Glory through Christ.

The 19th, 20th, 21st and 22d, I passed in the Parish of Calvary Church, Wadesborough,—preached *four* times, confirmed *two* persons, administered the Holy Communion, and examined the children in the Catechism. While here, I had the satisfaction to learn that the late Mrs. Troy left to the Church in this Diocese, a bequest of *Five* Hundred Dollars, to be applied at the discretion of the Diocesan. This is the second liberal gift of the kind from the members of a family distinguished for their devotion to the cause of the Redeemer. Both in going to, and returning from this Parish, I officiated, by request of the Rector, in the Church of St. David's, Cheraw, S. C.

From January 25, to February 4, I was in St. John's Parish, Fayetteville,—preached *seven* times—once to the coloured congregation. After a gratifying examination of the children in the Catechism by the Rector, delivered an address to them. Confirmed *fifteen* persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

17th, preached *twice* in St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough. This Parish is now without a Pastor, but is soon to be supplied; not, however, I fear, without depriving another needy Parish of its Clergyman.

24th, preached twice in Christ Church, Raleigh, and confirmed 2 persons.

On the 1st day of March, I started on a visitation to the Churches in the low country.

3d, and eight following days, spent in St. James's Parish, Wilmington, preached *eight* times, once to the coloured congregation, examined the children in the Catechism, addressed them, confirmed *five* persons, and administered Holy Communion. This congregation are making a praiseworthy effort to erect a neat and commodious Gothic Church edifice in place of the inconvenient and much decayed building in which they have hitherto worshipped.

12th, visited Waynesborough, preached and baptized two children.—Here are materials, which, under the hand of a skillful and efficient Clergyman, might be fashioned into a good congregation, and no place stands in greater need.

14th and 15th, spent at Greenville, but preached only on the morning of the 15th, a violent rain on the previous day having prevented the assembling of the congregation. The sentiment here in favor of the institutions of the Church, has not, at any former time since my connexion with the Diocese, appeared so strong as at the present period.

17th, preached twice for the congregation of Calvary Church, Tarborough, and administered the Holy Communion. Through the zeal of one or two individuals of this congregation, steps have already been taken to build a house of worship.

19th, visited Trinity Parish, Scotland Neck, preached to a large congregation, and baptized an infant.

21st, preached *twice* at Windsor. Here, too, the few friends of the Church are manifesting their love for its institutions by entering into definite arrangements for the erection of a house of prayer.

Palm Sunday, preached *twice* in St. Paul's, Edenton.

27th, preached in the village of Hertford.

Good Friday and Easter Sunday, preached in Christ Church, Elizabeth City. In morning of the latter day, confirmed two persons and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening, examined the children in the Catechism and addressed them. It would be unjust not to remark that this examination was sustained with great credit to the Parish and its Clergyman. Other services here were prevented by the inclemency of the weather.

April 3d, preached again in the village of Hertford, and had the satisfaction to learn that measures were in progress, chiefly through the liberality of a single Churchman, for the erection of a small Church edifice.

On this and the following day, visited the neighborhood of Harvey's Neck, where I discovered ample means, in connexion with the ability of Hertford, 12 miles distant, to support the ministrations of the Gospel, and ample necessity to awaken the sympathies and secure the labours of a devoted Minister. The wealthy planters here are urgent in their appeals in behalf of their spiritually necessitous slaves, while the ignorance and degradation of a white population in the vicinity, most affectingly supplicate for help.

During a week from the 5th, I visited St. Paul's Parish, Edenton, preached *five* times, *once* to colored congregation, confirmed 13 persons and administered the Holy Communion. The Church edifice here is undergoing extensive repairs and alterations. I will not trust myself to enlarge upon the serious loss sustained by this Parish in the death of one of the most benevolent and worthy of men, the venerable Josiah Collins, Esq.

It is cheering to remark many decided proofs of advance in the interests and influence of the Church throughout this interesting portion of the Diocese.

On the 11th, I went to Lake Phelps, where and in the neighborhood I remained till 18th; preached *twice* in Pettigrew's Chapel, and confirmed *twelve* persons; preached once in the African Chapel at the Lake, and confirmed *four* persons. Many more might have been confirmed, but for the judicious rule which prevails, requiring all before being admitted to confirmation to pass through a certain course of instruction. The system put

in operation on the plantations here for the benefit of the slaves, and of which I spake at large in my last address, is still pursued with success, encountering only those drawbacks which were clearly foreseen and for which provision was made in the outset. The examinations in the Bible and Catechism, at which I was present on two evenings, tended to confirm my convictions of last year. The only serious abatement to my satisfaction while here, arose from the reflection that so few of our plantations participate in the substantial blessings of the Gospel. It is true, the better class of planters begin to open their eyes to their awful interest in this matter; still, we see so feeble a response to their calls for Missionary services, that the prospect of doing much for this neglected class of our population is discouraging in the extreme. If the minds of our young men preparing for the Ministry, now so disposed to concentrate upon the wants of a foreign land, could for a moment be induced seriously to contemplate the amount of gross ignorance to be enlightened, of deep misery to be relieved, and of everlasting good to be done by the Gospel of salvation on our Southern and South Western plantations, I cannot doubt that this prospect would be changed; that numbers of them, moved by the self-sacrificing spirit of their master, would immediately offer their services to aid in imparting to our slaves the true benefits of the blessed Gospel, the only thing in most cases needful to place them among the most comfortable, happy, and respectable of our population.

Four days from the 18th I spent in St. Luke's Parish, Locust Grove, preached *three* times, *once* to the colored people, baptized *two* adults, confirmed *two* persons, and administered the Holy Communion. This infant Parish is in a decidedly improving state.

23d, preached at Plymouth, to a large and attentive congregation.

From the 23d to the 29th, was in the Parish of St. Peter's Church, Washington, preached *five* times, *once* to colored congregation, confirmed *one* person, and examined the children in the Catechism. An important measure for the permanent support of a Clergyman has here been effected by assessment on the pews of the Church, which, I trust, will enable the Vestry soon to supply the vacancy to be occasioned by the removal of their present Rector to Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.

29th, preached at St. John's, Durham's Creek. This congregation has become almost extinct, by deaths and removals.

1st of May, preached at Zion Chapel, and baptized *five* children.

2d, preached in St. Thomas's Church, Bath, and administered the Holy Communion. During the previous night, I was called upon to baptize a dying person, and so simple and affecting and appropriate was the expression of her desire to me, that I was led to record it: "Sir," said she, gasping in the agonies of death, "I wish to be *baptized*; I know not in *what way* it will *benefit me*, but I know it is the *command of my Saviour*."—Brethren, could we all feel *now* the dependence which we shall *one day* feel on the Saviour of sinners, we should no longer be guilty of the selfish and ungodly speculations in which we so often indulge in regard to the amount of advantage which we are to reap from the discharge of this or that *commanded* duty, but should rush together to the footstool of sove-

reign mercy, and anxiously inquire with the convinced Saul, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

4th, preached in Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County, and administered the Holy Communion.

5th, preached at St. Paul's, Swift Creek, and baptized three children. By the kindness of the Rev. Mr. Hawks, Rector of the Griffin School, this Parish and St. Thomas's, Craven, are in the enjoyment of occasional services.

From the 5th to the 14th, was in the Parish of Christ Church, Newbern, preached *five* times, once to a crowded colored congregation, confirmed 23 persons, administered the Holy Communion, and examined the children in the Catechism. On each occasion of public worship, the Church was filled, and every evidence exists that all past differences have been reconciled, and that the Parish is enjoying the blessing of Almighty God.

14th, preached at St. Thomas's, Craven County. 15th, at Kinston, and baptized three children. The few friends of the Church in this place are about to complete the Church edifice which for years has remained in an unfinished state. May their efforts be crowned by an increase to themselves of "every good and perfect gift."

19th, preached in the Church in which we are assembled.

In addition to these duties, I have attended as usual the regular meetings of the Trustees of the Episcopal School, and of the Missionary Committee of the Diocese.

By the above statement, it will be perceived that during the past Conventional year, I have preached in my Diocese 103 times, performed 25 baptisms, confirmed 129 persons, administered the Holy Communion 21 times, and admitted 2 Deacons to the Order of Priests; attended the Sitings of the General Convention, and given instruction for about three months to a class of Students in Theology; and that in the discharge of these duties, I have travelled not less than three thousand miles. It will be noticed, also, that while no Churches have been consecrated during the past year, several are in such a state of forwardness in building, as to give promise that before we again meet, they will have been set apart to the worship of God.

My present visitation has afforded to my mind most gratifying proof of the zeal and fidelity of the small but most harmonious and efficient band of Clergy, which God has greatly blessed me in making my fellow-labourers in the Gospel, and also of the affectionate confidence existing between them and their congregations.

The following are the names of the Candidates for Orders belonging to this Diocese, in the order of time in which they were received:—*Edwin Geer*, received April 15, 1837; *Jacob B. Morse*, received from the Diocese of New York, March, 5, 1838, having been a candidate in that Diocese from November 25, 1836; *John A. Backhous*, received March 7th, 1838; *Jarvis Buxton*, received at the same time; *William B. Otis*, received June 6, 1838; *Joseph Cheshire*, received August 1, 1838; *Charles Bruce Walker*, received February 22, 1839.

The removals and changes of the Clergy are as follows:—The Rev. *John Burke* has removed from this Diocese by letter to the Bishop of S.

Carolina; the Rev. James Sunderland has removed to the Diocese of Virginia, and has desired a letter of dismissal after this Convention; the Rev. *Philip B. Wiley* has left St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough, and become the Rector of Calvary Church, Wadesborough; the Rev. John Morgan is still in Europe; the Rev. John M. Robinson is supposed to be in Alabama, though I have received no official information of the fact since his removal in 1834. This circumstance has compelled me to address the Standing Committee of that Diocese upon the subject.

In recalling to mind my observations upon the state of the Diocese, made in the progress of my visitation, the following suggestions occur to me as important to our full and desired success:

1. Let the system of the Gospel presented in the Church be more assiduously inculcated upon the young. The false views of Religion generated by a long prevalence of error, and now so discouraging often to our efforts, are to be eradicated only by the slow process of Christian education; by a patient and unremitting application of Truth to the infant mind. If we would silence the vain and unscriptural excuses which keep so many of our youth from the benefits of the covenant of salvation in Jesus Christ, we must faithfully and prayerfully inculcate upon their minds their baptismal duties and responsibilities, as presented in such admirable beauty and force in the Church Catechism. Believe me, Brethren, *Catechetical instruction is the hope of the Church* in restoring to our country, in all its due proportions and practical influences, that Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation!

To beget in the minds of parents in the Diocese a proper estimate of this great subject, let me recommend to their perusal the *Journal of Religious Education, &c.*, now ably conducted, and published at a small price by the SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION of our Church, at New York. From this work may be learned the strong and unanimous expression of opinion in regard to christian education, by our late General Convention.

2. In the second place, let me solicit more attention to the last clause of the 28th Canon, which requires that "The Ministers of the Church be diligent, by stated Catechetical lectures and instruction, in informing the youth and others in the Doctrines, Constitution and Liturgy of the Church." Let the *Liturgy* of the Church be properly explained, the system of truth and worship which it embodies be opened distinctly to the minds of the people, and trust me, it will prove the most effectual means not only to overcome prejudice against itself, but also to silence the charges of formality and of the want of deep evangelical views, so often ignorantly preferred against the Church. Let this be done, and it will then be seen that, if there be one Christian in the world whose profession of faith and form of sound words direct his aspirations, and aid his advance to the highest elevation in the ways of God, that Christian is the *Churchman*.

3. Let me, in addition to this duty, recommend an increasing attention to the circulation of the Standard Tracts of the Church. Their influence is incalculable. More than once have I found a whole neighborhood awakened by these silent messengers of truth to the necessity of obeying God in the way of his appointments. A Tract handed to a friend in a destitute place, at the commencement of my last visitation, had, before my return,

made its way, as I learned, into the minds and hearts of at least three persons previously ignorant of the Church, and moved them publicly to acknowledge its claims. Let us be more mindful of the good to be done by the distribution of Tracts.

4. In conclusion, let the minds both of our Clergy and Laity be more intent upon the indispensable duty of providing for ourselves an adequate Ministry. There are Hertford and Harvey's Neck, the small Parishes in Beaufort County, Kinston, Greenville, Windsor, Scotland Neck, Tarborough, Waynesborough, Rockingham County, Lexington, Lincolnton, Morganton, and the important Parishes of St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough, and St. Peter's, Washington, besides three or four Towns where the ministrations of the Church have never been enjoyed, urgently and constantly appealing to your Bishop for the bread of life, without his ability to give. In addition, the cry comes up with increasing urgency and frequency from our needy plantations.

Brethren, could *you* witness what *I* am constrained to witness, and suffer what *I* suffer, from these appeals of unrelieved and almost hopeless destitution, you would wake from your apathy, and bestir yourselves with all the energy of those who must give account to God, on this, to my mind, almost overwhelming subject,—the want of the Ministers of Salvation in our Diocese. I am tired of repeating, as you must be of hearing, the too manifest truth, that we can get no relief in this matter, except as we *help ourselves*,—*provide our own Ministry on our own soil*. Let then, my Brethren of the Clergy and Laity, all contemplate the vital importance of this matter, and delay not, with unceasing prayer to God for His blessing, to act upon it. Let every parent of the Church be diligent in imbuing the minds of his children with the spirit of Christ, and in holding up before them the claims of his Kingdom, and the wants of their destitute fellow-men, that at the Church's call a due proportion of them may be ready, with a glad heart, to devote themselves to her sacred work. Let our pious young men now in other vocations, or preparing for them, seriously reflect with themselves, whether, at this solemn crisis in the Church, the rightful demands of their God upon them, should not prompt some of their hearts to this step of self-sacrificing devotion. Let each Layman whom God hath blessed with the good things of this life, consider as he will answer it to his Judge, how much of his abundance he owes to this cause of the Saviour, who bought him with his blood. Let this Convention, assembled to consult for the high interests of Christ's Kingdom, be careful not to lose sight of its awful responsibility in this matter, but in its action in regard to the Episcopal School, or in some way, to provide means for the more effectual supply of this great and pressing want, *a native and sufficient Ministry*. Even were there no peculiarities in our position, a mere glance at the wide-spread necessities of the West and South West, which our Missionary Bishops, with all their zeal, and labour, and importunity, are wholly unable, for the lack of Clergy, to meet, would be enough to admonish us as a Diocese of the indispensable duty of leaving nothing undone to make provision to supply the means of grace and salvation to our own destitute people.

We are now assembled, blest with abundant means for the prosperity

and advancement of Christ's Kingdom in our Diocese. We shall soon assemble at the Judgment Seat of Him who hath thus put us in trust with the Gospel; let us act under this conviction, and the work of the Lord will prosper in our hands.

L. SILLIMAN IVES.

May 22, 1839.

This Address was referred to the Committee on the state of the Church.

The Parochial Reports, which had been rendered to the President, were read by the Secretary, as follows:

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. George W. Freeman, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 3,	3
Children, 16 white, 4 colored,	20
	— 23
Confirmations—1 white, 1 colored,	2
Communicants—Died 1, removed 6, added 3,	
Present number,	75
Marriages—5 white, 3 colored,	8
Burials—Adults 4, (1 not of the congregation),	4
Children, 5 white, 1 colored,	6
	— 10
Families,	56
Adults,	160
Sunday School—No. Scholars,	84
Teachers,	14
Moneys received and paid over to the Treasurer:	
For Diocesan Missions—sale of Prayer Books,	\$15 00
“ “ offerings of the congregation,	153 00
For Bishop's salary and contingent expenses,	190 00
	— 358 00

Besides the Baptisms reported above, the undersigned has baptized 5 children in Warren County and 1 in Louisburg, Franklin County. Of the marriages reported, *one* was celebrated in the County of Warren, and *another* in the County of Johnston.

GEO. W. FREEMAN.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. R. B. Drane, Rector.

Baptisms,	18
Confirmed,	5
Communicants—5 added, and 5 died or removed.	
Present number,	171

Marriages,		11
Funerals,		19
Money collected—For Assessment,	\$225	00
For Missionary Committee,	50	00
		<hr/> 275 00
For Sunday School,	33	59
For Parochial Charity,	182	23
		<hr/> 215 82
		<hr/> \$490 82

The Sunday School of the Parish numbers about 100 Scholars, a Superintendent and 16 Teachers. The Rector has also a class of about 30 young persons, of both sexes, whom he personally instructs on Sunday evenings, and who make a very gratifying progress in the exercises assigned them.

In addition to the above, it may not be improper to state, that since the last Convention the congregation of St. James's have commenced the erection of a new Parish Church. The corner stone was laid with appropriate services on the 3d of April last, since which time the work has been prosecuted with a zeal highly creditable to all the parties engaged, and the hope is now entertained that the entire work will be completed before Christmas. The estimated cost of this building is \$15,000. Of this sum about \$11,000 have been subscribed in advance for Pews, and which is paid in instalments as the Vestry requires the same, to proceed with the work. A responsibility for \$600 towards the price of the Lot on which the Church is placed was generously assumed by the Juvenile Sewing Society of the congregation, and \$350 of this sum has been already paid by them. The sum of \$500 has also been appropriated to the Vestry by the elder Female Working Society of the Parish towards the same object, and this in addition to their annual appropriation of \$230 for the support of their Charity School for poor children.

ROBERT B. DRANE.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant,	7
Confirmations—White 14, colored 1, total	15
Communicants—Decrease by removal, 6, death, 1.	
Increase 16, (2 of these by transfer.)	
Present number,	114
Marriage,	1
Burial,	1
Moneys—Assessment,	\$210
Missionary Committee,	100

Under an extraordinary case of affliction in his family, the Rector's services have been suspended for the last two months. During the last year, however, he has witnessed with grateful acknowledgments to Almighty

God, an interesting accession to the Communion, of young men destined, he trusts, to succeed in due time to the station now filled by their fathers. May they be as persevering in their Christian course as they were free and cordial in entering upon it.

JARVIS B. BUXTON.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH.

Baptisms—Infants,	3
Burials,	2
Confirmations,	5
Communicants,	27
Families,	16

I resigned the charge of this Church in November last, and now make the above report at the request of the Wardens.

PHILIP B. WILEY, *late Rector.*

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Rector.

Baptisms—Infant 7, adult 1,	8
Confirmations—None.	
Communicants—Added 2, whole number,	21
Burials,	3
Sunday School,	30
Money collected for Episcopate and Contingent Fund,	\$36

Although the above tabular view is not very different from that exhibited to the last Convention, it is believed that an important change for the better has taken place in the actual condition of this Church. There has been, generally, a much larger and more interested attendance upon Divine ordinances than heretofore. An increased interest in the Church there certainly is, and, it is hoped, an increased interest in Religion. During the past year, a Tower has been built to the Church and a new Bell purchased for it. Other improvements are also projected, and will, no doubt, be completed. And their Pastor owes it to the people of his charge to say, (which he does with a thankful sense of their kindness,) that, entirely of their own accord, they have almost doubled his salary, and have in every respect exhibited towards him a kind and affectionate regard.—The Ladies' Society has been organized, and are at work for the benefit of the Church.

THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr.

CHRIST CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, 8 white, 1 colored,	9
Confirmations—16 white, 5 colored,	21

Communicants—Additions, 16 white, 2 colored,	18
Decrease, dead,	2
Present number,	91
Burials—Adult 2, infant 2,	4
Marriage,	1
Sunday School, (almost nominal,) about	18
Money collected—For Episcopate and Contingent Fund,	\$36

The increase of the number of communicants in this Church during the past year is within a fraction equal to one-fifth of the whole present number, and more than one-fifth of the number at the last Convention. The number of confirmations equal to almost one-fourth the number of communicants. This, in itself, is no certain criterion of an improved religious condition, but it is entitled to consideration; and other circumstances added to it, induce the persuasion that the state of this Church is improved, and still advancing. The attendance upon the ministry of the Gospel has been uniformly large, accompanied with an increased degree of attention to the word of God. There seems to be, also, an increased sense of the value of the ordinances of the Church, and determination to sustain them. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining teachers, the condition of the Sunday School is almost nominal. The children, however, are well acquainted with the Church Catechism.

The condition of the congregation at Mills' Settlement is much the same as last year, certainly not improved. I have been able to attend them only once in a month, and never on the Lord's day.

Communicants,	18
Baptisms—Infants,	4
Marriage,	1

Upon the whole, I have to acknowledge with unfeigned thankfulness, the blessing of God upon that portion of his vineyard committed to my trust, and to express the confident belief, that the cause of the Church is on the advance in this part of the country.

THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. Henry H. Prout, Rector.

Report on the state of the congregation during the year:

Number of Baptisms—Infants,	6
Confirmed,	3
Communicants—Added 2, removed 1,	
Present number,	55
Marriages,	2
Burials,	4
Sunday School—Scholars,	25
Teachers,	5
Assessment paid for the Bishop's salary and Contingent Fund,	\$60

Instead of making a direct contribution in aid of the funds of the Diocese

san Missionary Society, the congregation will require only one-half of the yearly stipend formerly received from that Society. This, also, it is hoped, will not hereafter be required, the debts of the Church being nearly paid, and \$200 and more having been contributed by the congregation to that object during the year.

There have been collected for general Missions in the Church \$22 50.

It may be proper to report, that an arrangement has been made whereby I shall expect to visit the congregation of St. Mary's Church at regular seasons during the next year.

I have held religious services twice in the Chapel on Sundays, and baptized 2 infants. In the neighborhood, I have frequently addressed a small assembly of colored persons, belonging to a member of the Church. There is much need of more attention than I can bestow on this congregation, in connection with the duties of St. Matthew's Church.

HENRY H. PROUT.

Annual Report of Rev. W. M. Green, Professor of Rhetoric and Belles Lettres in the University of North Carolina.

Since the last Convention, an arrangement has been made by which I officiate in University Chapel on every alternate Sunday, instead of every Sunday, as at first. The spare Sundays which have thus been put at my disposal, have, for the most part, been spent in visiting the neighboring Parishes of Pittsborough, Hillsborough, Raleigh, and Salem Chapel.

My ministrations in this place have met with as much acceptance as, under the circumstances, could reasonably have been expected. On the Sunday after Easter, I administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to thirteen persons, ten of whom were members of our Communion.

The only other Ecclesiastical act to be reported, is the baptism of one infant at this place.

W. M. GREEN.

Chapel Hill, May, 1839.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. Harvey Stanly, Rector.

Baptisms—Adult,	3
Infants, white 16, colored 1,	17
	— 20
Confirmations,	2
Communicants—Died 1, removed 4, decrease 5, added 5,	
Present number,	40
Marriages,	7
Burials—Adult 2, infant 1,	3
Sunday School—Scholars,	73
Teachers,	9
Assessment,	\$60
	H. STANLY.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. Cameron F. McRae, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, white 5,	5
Infants, white 22, colored 4,	26
	—31
Confirmations—White 21, colored 2,	23
Communicants,	101
Marriages,	3
Burials,	13
Moneys collected—For Assessment,	\$210 00
Parochial and other purposes,	635 00
	<u>845 00</u>
	C. F. McRAE.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. John Singeltary, Rector.

Communicants—Whites, male 13, female 55,	68
Colored, male 3, female 2,	5
Total,	<u>73</u>
Confirmation,	1
Baptisms,	10
Marriages,	2
Burials,	2
Paid to Treasurer—Assessment,	\$60
For Missions and other purposes,	35
	<u>95 00</u>
	J. SINGELTARY.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. Samuel I. Johnston, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 10, infants 8,	18
Marriages,	4
Burials,	4
Confirmations,	13
Communicants,	74
Collections for the Bishop's Fund,	\$192
Money collected,	100
	<u>292 00</u>

REPORT OF THE WINDSOR PARISH.

Communicants,	6
Burial,	1
In Hertford, Perquimons, 7 communicants.	
	S. I. JOHNSTON.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. Philip B. Wiley, Rector.

Baptisms—Adult 1, children 21,	22
Burial, (a communicant,)	1
Confirmations,	2
Communicants—Deceased 1, added 4,	
Present number,	33
Families,	15
Sunday School—Scholars,	55
Teachers,	7
Contributions—For Missionary purposes,	\$34 25
Assessment, 1838-'39,	36 00
	————— \$70 25

I took charge of this Church in March. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, under the care and instruction of Mr. E. S. Hubbard, and six other faithful Teachers.

Since the time of my resigning the charge of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, I have baptized in that Church 2 children, and in Calvary Church 1 adult and 16 children.

P. B. WILEY.

PETTIGREW'S CHAPEL, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Rev. E. M. Forbes, Missionary.

Baptisms—Adults, 9 white, 5 colored,	14
Infants, 6 white,	6
	—20
Confirmations—White 11, colored 5,	16
Communicants—Added, white 11, colored 5,	
Died, white 2,	
Present number, white 28, colored 26,	54
Marriages—White 4, colored 1,	5
Funerals—White 1,	1
Money collected—For the Bishop's salary,	\$24

ST. LUKE'S, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Baptisms—Adult, 1; infants, 8 white, 3 colored,	12
Confirmations,	2
Communicants—Added 3, removed 2,	
Present number,	13
Marriages—White 1, colored 1,	2
Burials,	4

I have distributed during the past year between 11,000 and 12,000 pages of Tracts, 70 Prayer Books, and about 80 Bibles and Testaments.

E. M. FORBES.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

Rev. Wm. Thurston, Rector.

Communicants—Removed 5, present number,	13
Baptisms—Adults, 4 white; infants, 3 white, 3 colored,	10
Confirmations,	5
Marriage,	1
Assessment,	\$28

Four or five candidates are at present awaiting the first opportunity to receive the holy rite of Confirmation.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Communicants—Removed 2,—Present number,	10
Baptism,	1
Burials,	3
Assessment for Bishop,	\$6

WM. THURSTON.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, GRANVILLE COUNTY.

Rev. Lewis Taylor, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, white 3, colored 1,	4
Infants, white 15, colored 8,	23
	—27
Confirmations—White 1, colored 1,	2
Marriage—Colored 1,	1
Burial—Colored 1,	1
Communicants—White 7, colored 1,	8

Through the blessing of a kind Providence, we have been enabled to build a Church 24 by 36 feet. The work is plain, but well executed. It still, however, needs finishing on the inside. As we were only able to raise in our immediate neighborhood about two hundred dollars, and the building, together with the seats and pulpit, having cost about five hundred, we were under the necessity of stopping short of our wishes;—and even now we are compelled to call on those at a distance for help, who know that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." We hope that both the Clergy and Laity will help us.

LEWIS TAYLOR.

ST. JOHN'S IN THE WILDERNESS, HENDERSON COUNTY.

Rev. Thomas S. W. Mott, Rector.

This is almost exclusively a Summer congregation, being composed of families who move from the low country of South Carolina in the Spring, with a view to the more healthy atmosphere of the Mountains, and return

again to their residences in the Fall. The greater part of these families, however, who reside on their plantations in Winter, are in situations so isolated, as scarcely to admit of their being attached to any local Church in the low country, and may, therefore, in all fairness, be considered as belonging ecclesiastically to the Diocese of North Carolina, and the parish of St. John. Their number is at present small, but is annually increasing, and we anticipate with confidence the time when this shall have become a numerous congregation, and in some respects one of the most important in the Diocese. The present incumbent was elected permanent Rector by the Vestry in the Fall of 1837, and has continued to officiate regularly in Summer, and always at such times in Winter as he can collect an audience. The deep prejudice of the people renders this, however, a very difficult matter; so much so, indeed, as to induce him to adopt the plan of going to them, and, leaving his own Church, when he finds they will not come, closed, preaching the Gospel to them from house to house. The few attempts he has made in this way have been very favorably received, and he is not without hopes of a happy result.

The present number of families who are regular attendants at Church, though not all Episcopal, is 15.

Communicants—(2 added and 2 left in 1837,)	20
Baptisms—Infants,	2
Funerals,	3
Collected for Theological Seminary,	\$17
Annual Assessment for 1837 and 1838,	66
	— 83 00

T. S. W. MOTT.

ST. PAUL'S & ST. THOMAS'S CHAPELS, CRAVEN COUNTY.

Rev. Wm. N. Hawks, (Rector of the Griffin School,) Minister.

Baptisms—Adults 1, infants 13,	14
Burials—Adults 6, infant 1,	7
Marriages,	4
Communicants,	21
Moneys collected for Assessment,	\$43

WILL. N. HAWKS.

ST. THOMAS'S, BATH, AND PARTS ADJACENT.

Rev. John Toland, Missionary.

Baptisms—At Bath, 1 adult, 2 infants,	3
Zion, 10 infants,	10
Durham's Creek,	1
Broad Creek,	2
	—16
Communicants—White 24, colored 3,	27
Burials—White 3, colored 1,	4

JOHN TOLAND.

The above Reports were referred to the Committee on the state of the Church.

The Convention then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

At night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Hawks, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. McRae, from Revelation, 3d ch. 20th v.



FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1839.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

Messrs. John W. Wright, and Thomas N. Cameron, Delegates from St. John's Church, Fayetteville; Wm. B. Giles, a Delegate from St. James's Church, Wilmington; Russel Kingsbury, a Delegate from St. Stephens's, Oxford, and Charles Shepard, a Delegate from Christ Church, Newbern, members of this Convention, appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor presented the following application for admission into union with this Convention:—

We whose names are underwritten, certify that the 7th Canon, passed in May 1821, has been complied with by the Congregation at St. James's, Granville, and are desirous that the said Congregation may be received into union with this Convention.

EDWARD SPEED,	} <i>Vestry.</i>
L. A. PASCHALL,	
D. T. PASCHALL,	
D. P. PASCHALL,	

May 20, 1839.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Drane, the above application was referred to a Committee of three; and the President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Taylor and Drane, of the Clergy, and Mr. Hardin, of the Laity, to compose said Committee.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Reports, which were referred to the Committee of Finance.—[*See Appendix.*]

The Rev. Mr. Buxton, Secretary and Agent of the Missionary Committee, made the following Report, which was read and accepted:—

REPORT of the Missionary Committee.

The Missionary Committee, of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, respectfully report:—

First, on Missionary Stations. No material change has here been made in the appointments of the preceding year. These, as fixed by the Bishop, are St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough; Calvary Church, Wadesborough; St. Stephen's, Oxford; Calvary Church, Tarborough; Washington county; St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough; St. Thomas's and St. Paul's, Craven county. For the detail of the present state of these Parishes, the Com-

mittee respectfully refer to the Parochial Reports, and to the Journal of the Bishop. The Committee, however, under this head, recommend to these Parishes as matter worthy of consideration, whether the aid they have hitherto received, the enlightened ministrations they have enjoyed, and the time and forbearance expended in their Christian culture, do not justify reasonable expectations of a more generous support than their Ministers have yet realized. The Committee much lament, that in some instances the Missionaries, for their bare support, have been encumbered with Schools,—a measure which has rarely failed to impair at once their health and their usefulness, and to embarrass the Committee with serious doubts whether, in these cases, the aid of the Missionary Fund can with propriety be extended. This fund is derived *mainly* from congregations already sufficiently charged, and was designed, not for the support of School Masters, but for that of a laboring Ministry:—It being within the Church a maxim of primary importance, that they who serve at the Altar may live of the same.

If these congregations open not their hearts, nor exhibit an affection better suited to the culture they have received, they must not be surprised if what has befallen others, befall them also, and that in a state of spiritual destitution, they reap the sad consequence of their own inconsideration and folly.

Secondly, on Books. The supply of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, has kept pace with the demand. A new call for the Revenscroft Works has arisen under the spirit of Ecclesiastical and religious inquiry which now pervades the country. The Committee respectfully suggest, whether a new and cheaper edition of the Work might not advantageously be gotten up. But 17 sets of the former issue remain under the control of the Committee. While on this head, the Committee take occasion to remark, that the call on the former home Agents in the sale of this Work, made by the Committee in their last Report, has been but partially responded to.

Thirdly, on receipts and disbursements. The detail of these will appear in the Treasurer's Report, to which the Committee refer. The funds at the control of the Committee, during the year, amount to \$1324 24. The disbursements within the same period, amount to \$647 99. There are also liabilities created within this period to the amount of \$400. These, when met, will leave a balance available for the next year, of about \$276.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JARVIS B. BUXTON, *Sec'y & Agent.*

Mr. Hardin, from the Committee appointed on the application of the congregation in Granville County, submitted the following Report, which was read and concurred in, viz:

The Committee, to whom was referred the application from a congregation in Granville County, for admission into union with the Church in this Diocese, under the name and style of St. James's Church, Granville, report, that they have examined the certificate of the Vestry, and find that said congregation has complied with the provisions of the 7th Canon, and recommend the admission of said congregation into union as aforesaid.

St. James's Church, in Granville County, having thus been admitted

into union with the Convention, a certificate was presented, of the election of the following Delegates to this Convention, viz:

St. James's Church, Granville County.—Dr. Edward Speed, Dennis T. Paschall, Coke Taylor, and Lunsford A. Paschall.

The Convention then gave way for

Divine Service, which was performed by the Rev. Mr. Forbes, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Thurston, from St. John's Gospel, 17th chapter and 16th verse.

On motion of Judge Cameron, the Convention proceeded to elect, by ballot, four Trustees of the Episcopal School, in the place of those whose terms of service now expire. And the following were duly elected, viz: The Rev. George W. Freeman, Hon. Duncan Cameron, Dr. Frederick J. Hill, and Edward L. Winslow.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wiley, a balloting was had for Treasurer, which resulted in the unanimous re-election of John W. Wright.

Convention proceeded to ballot for the Missionary Committee, for the ensuing Conventional year, when the Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, the Rev. Geo. W. Freeman, and Messrs. John W. Wright, Charles T. Haigh, and Edward L. Winslow, were duly elected.

The following were elected, by ballot, Delegates to the General Convention, viz: The Rev. Messrs. Jarvis B. Buxton, George W. Freeman, Robert B. Drane, and John Singeltary, of the Clergy; and Josiah Collins, Frederick J. Hill, John W. Wright, and Edward L. Winslow, of the Laity.

The Convention then elected, by ballot, the following Standing Committee for the ensuing year, viz: The Rev. Messrs. Wm. M. Green, George W. Freeman, and Philip B. Wiley of the Clergy; and Messrs. Charles Manly and John De Berniere Hooper, of the Laity.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wiley,

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, on the 2d Wednesday of May, 1840.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

In the evening, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Singeltary, from Romans, 8th chapter and part of the 9th verse.



SATURDAY, MAY 25.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Rev. Wm. M. Green appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. Green, Chairman of the Standing Committee, presented the following Report of the acts of that body during the past year:

REPORT of the Standing Committee.

During the past year, the only acts of the Standing Committee have been, the recommending of Joseph B. Cheshire and Charles Bruce Walker as Candidates for Orders;—the recommending of Rev. M. Ashley Curtis for Priest's Orders; and the granting of their consent to the consecration of Rev. Wm. H. DeLancey as Bishop of the Diocese of Western New York.

W. M. GREEN, *Pres't.*

The Rev. Mr. Singeltary, from the Committee on the state of the Church, submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted:

REPORT of the Committee on the state of the Church.

The Committee on the state of the Church beg leave to report:

That they have examined the documents referred to them, and also availed themselves of all other information within their reach. The number of Baptisms reported for the past year amounts to 276, of Confirmations to 129, of Communicants to 1133. If this view of the state of the Church be compared with that presented to the Convention last year, it will be found that there has been a decrease of Confirmations amounting to 25, and an increase of Baptisms amounting to 21, and of Communicants amounting to 200.

The General Convention at their session in September last, proposed an alteration of the Sixth Article of the Constitution of the Church, and it becomes the duty of the Convention in this Diocese to take such measures as may seem expedient to resist or promote the alteration proposed. The article referred to at present reads as follows: "In every Diocese the mode of trying Clergymen shall be instituted by the Convention of the Church therein. At every trial of a Bishop, there shall be one or more of the Episcopal order present; and none but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of deposition, or degradation from the Ministry, on any Clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter or Deacon."

The article proposed is in these words: "The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided by the General Convention. The Court appointed for that purpose shall be composed of Bishops only. In every Diocese, the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese. None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, suspension, or degradation from the Ministry, on any Clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter or Deacon."

The alterations proposed are, to take from the several Dioceses the right of prescribing the manner in which their Bishops shall be tried, and to vest that power exclusively in the General Convention, and also to secure to the Bishops a right of trial by their peers.

As the preservation of the Liturgy and Offices of the Church in their purity, is a matter of high importance and lively interest with Churchmen, the Committee ask leave to present their congratulations to the Convention at the promptness and decision with which our Bishop has met a recent attempt to tamper with the Institution Office. The alteration in the Institution Office made by the Committee of the General Convention is, in itself, a matter of no consequence, and the persons composing that Com-

mittee are above the suspicion of any sinister purpose, and therefore present the most unexceptionable, because the least offensive case, for the practical declaration of the jealous vigilance with which we will guard the Liturgy and Offices, which we regard as bulwarks of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SINGELTARY, *Chairman.*

Mr. Haywood, from the Committee on the Episcopal School, submitted the following Report:

REPORT of the Committee on the Episcopal School.

The Committee on the Episcopal School report to the Convention as follows:

By the use of funds contributed by individuals, and other sums borrowed for that purpose, (in the whole amounting to \$30,000,) the Trustees of the Episcopal School have purchased a beautiful site nigh to the City of Raleigh, and have erected on it one large and handsome brick house, 3 stories high, and two spacious wings of stone, 2 stories high, and all necessary out-houses, offices, &c. These buildings are very substantially built, and are sufficient for the comfortable accommodation of 200 Students, and the number of Professors necessary for a Seminary of learning of the highest grade.

The School owns about 160 acres of land adjoining the buildings, all of which is not necessary to the use and enjoyment of the other property. Most of the Tract is covered with forest, and is advantageously located for dividing it into lots of convenient size, and 140 or 130 acres of this land would sell at present for fair prices, and they may be sold without injury or inconvenience to the Episcopal School.

The School also owns a good deal of Furniture, &c., a list of which the Committee hold ready to exhibit to the Convention. At present the School has no use for this property. The cost of it was considerably more, but even now this Furniture would probably sell for 500 or 800 Dollars.

There were many subscriptions to the Episcopal School that are not yet collected, but the Trustees are making exertions to collect them through the agency of a gentleman who is employed for that purpose. The amount of *uncollected* subscriptions owing by persons who are *able* to pay, does not fall below \$2,500. It is believed that at least one-half the sum (1250 dollars) may hereafter be received.

There are \$67 61 in cash on hand, and two persons who are able to pay owe debts for Tuition, &c., one \$550 and the other \$200, and your Committee have no good reason for doubting that these sums (amounting to \$750) may be made available.

On the other hand, the Episcopal School owes the following debts, viz: To Mrs. Sarah Polk, Executrix of Wm. Polk, deceased, a note for \$1,619 37, with interest unpaid since 3d December, 1838. This debt was contracted at the outset in the purchase of the tract of land on which the buildings are erected.

2. The School owes the Treasurer of this Convention, who is the *Trustee* of the Bishop's Fund, \$7,400, with interest unpaid since 10th

February, 1838. This loan was made by order of the Convention in 1835 to aid in the erection of the centre building. The Journals of 1835 and 1836 will explain it fully.

3. The Commissioners of Public Buildings for the State of North Carolina have lately presented a claim against the Episcopal School amounting to \$200, for Stone which was used in the erection of School buildings. This debt arose thus: In quarrying Stone for the *Capitol* of North Carolina, much of it was necessarily raised from the pit, that was *under* the size used in that building. The citizens who were engaged in building have hauled away and used it, and the Episcopal School, we have no doubt, used the quantity that is charged by the State Commissioners. Unless the General Assembly will surrender to our Institution this demand of the State for Stone that was useless to North Carolina, and therefore taken and applied to the erection of School houses, of course the Episcopal School must provide for its payment, and no doubt they will do it.

4. The School also owes two small balances to workmen employed in the erection of these buildings,—one for \$60 and the other for \$10 75, aggregate \$70 75. These will be paid on demand, the accounts between the School and the creditors referred to having been settled, and the foregoing balances ascertained.

5. The School owes a considerable sum to the Bank of the State, and to those who were sureties at the Bank, and have on that account been obliged to advance. The amount of this debt is \$4049 89, and interest per list (A) attached to this Report. This debt originated thus: The Trustees of the Episcopal School had commenced their School buildings upon the assurance of this Convention and the faith of subscriptions made by Episcopalians, and the promise of our friends in the Diocese and out of it. The contracts were made, the works in progress, and could not be stopped, and a previous debt of the School, contracted on the faith of the subscriptions, was also pressed for settlement, and the Trustees felt constrained by these considerations, and others which a christian will at once recognize, to lend their individual credit for a loan at the Bank. They have since been obliged to pay off that debt out of their own property, except a balance of \$—— that remains unpaid still, it being the share of one of the Trustees who has removed from the Diocese, and to whom application has not yet been made to pay it off. The Trustees who have incurred this personal liability have severally taken a certificate of the Corporation binding the Episcopal School to repay the sums advanced, but they very generously agreed to accept the certificate in a form that will protect the School from immediate embarrassment. The debt must be reckoned amongst the liabilities of the Institution, but it will not be pressed for immediate payment, provided the School is continued, and a provision made to discharge the debt in a reasonable time.

Your Committee have here presented to the Convention, a detailed statement of the liabilities of the Episcopal School, and its means for discharging them. They have done so in this familiar form, in preference to exhibiting an account current, because they believe it will be more universally intelligible, and the interest of the School requires, if our duty to the public, who have subscribed to it, did not demand of us, to present the

subject in the fullest and plainest manner before them. The Convention, and the friends of the School, will perceive, that although the embarrassment of the Institution is sufficient to stop its progress, it is not enough to dissipate all hope of its future resuscitation.

The next subject entrusted to the consideration of your Committee is, what will it be the duty of this Convention to advise, and what the interest of the School to do, towards an application of their means in satisfaction of their debts? By a resolution of the Trustees, passed soon after the adjournment of the last Convention, to wit, in July 1838, the exercises of the School were suspended, for the want of patronage sufficient to sustain it and pay the interest on its debt. The Convention had ordered that the expenses of the School, (including 444 dollars, the annual interest payable to the Bishop's fund loan,) should not exceed the income derived from Scholars in the Literary department. The number of Scholars entered and likely to be entered for the Session, to commence in July 1838, did not authorize the expectation that the income would cover said expenses, &c., but the contrary, and of course the School was at that time discontinued. It will be observed that the Convention had left no discretion with the Trustees, so that they had no duty to perform in this respect, except to *obey the Church*.

The causes which have led to this discouraging state of things are various, and Churchmen, like your Committee, will form different opinions as to which of these causes have been more or less operative in producing the result. All, however, must concur in believing, that whatever our duty and our Christian profession required of us *heretofore*, we are still bound to perform, and that a temporary discomfiture should not be ingloriously seized upon as a mere pretext for the abandonment of duty, and we hope and believe that the Churchmen of North Carolina will not now and forever abandon the School, until it is clearly shown, by our most vigorous efforts, that our labors will be vain. The Committee do not wish to intrude upon the sphere of our spiritual teachers, and therefore abstain from any enumeration of those high and commanding motives that impel us to *persevere* in a good work; but it is made our duty to state in a summary manner, those facts, and to exhibit the prospects that encourage us to *go on* in this enterprize. The question presents itself to the Convention, in a shape that allows of no escape—Shall we sell out the property and pay off the debts, thereby abandoning all hope of reviving the School hereafter, or shall we make another attempt to go on further?

If there be no method but the first, for keeping faith with the creditors of the School, of course the Church must acquiesce in this fatal termination to the hopes of six years. No one believes that the Church can compromise her duty to creditors, and if justice demands a sale, it should be made without hesitation. The important enquiry, therefore, is whether this necessity exists at present? The Committee believe that it does not, and this they now proceed to show, by stating their views of the best proceedings we can adopt for extinguishing the debt of the Episcopal School, and at the same time keeping ourselves in a state to revive it at an early day, and under more favorable auspices.

Whatever plan we adopt, some time will elapse before it can be carried

into execution, and in the interval the interest on the School debt will accumulate, and enlarge our liabilities, and therefore no unreasonable delay should be allowed. The Committee will adopt 1st January, 1840, as the latest day for executing the plan they propose, and here exhibit, by actual calculation, what will be its result, viz:

The debt to Mrs. Polk is	\$1,619 37.	Interest to 1st Jan., 1840,	\$105 00
The debt to Bishop's Fund,	7,400 00.	Do.	do. 840 00
The claim of State Commissioners,	200 00.		
The debt to 2 Workmen,	70 75.		
The debt to Bank, and sureties at Bank,	4,049 89.	Interest to 1st Jan'y, 1840,	223 80
Making an aggregate of Principal and Interest, due 1st January, 1840, of \$14,508 81.			

1. The Furniture, &c. are now unnecessary. Let these be sold and applied in part payment of the debt. They will sell for 500 to 800 dollars.

2. By dividing into lots of convenient and suitable size, the Lands near Raleigh, and selling the lots, say 130 or 140 acres, (still retaining all the Buildings, and 10 or 20 acres, for the School,) a considerable sum may be raised. Let this sale be made on a credit of one and two years, with interest after 1st January, 1840, and apply the proceeds to paying the debt. Many persons think that these lots will sell for 5000 dollars and more, and no one acquainted with the property, has estimated the sales below 3500 dollars. Even if both the estimates were extravagant, the property being unproductive, and the School in debt, there ought to be a sale.

Now, if these sales are made, and the amount added to the collectable subscriptions and debts due to the School, and the whole applied as recommended, towards the payment of the debts due by Episcopal School, the unpaid balance of debt will be much less than the value of the property reserved.—Thus:

Lots of Land will sell for	\$3,500	to	\$5,000
Furniture, &c. do.	500	to	800
Subscriptions uncollected, (good)	1,250		1,250
Cash, and debts owing, do.	817 61		817 61

Making an aggregate of	\$6,067 61	to	\$7,867 61
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These sums being applied towards extinguishing the debt of the School, will leave unpaid, \$8,441 20 to \$6,641 20, and this balance secured to the creditor by real property, worth more than twice the amount; to wit: the whole of the School Buildings, with 10 or 20 acres of Land adjoining.

The Committee earnestly recommend this course to the Convention, and as this is a propitious period for selling the lots, they suggest that it had better be done without delay.

But your Committee have felt a deeper anxiety to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion upon another matter referred to them, to-wit: the future prospects of the Episcopal School, and how it shall be continued. Experience has proved that from some cause the success of the School heretofore did not at all correspond with the hopes and expectations of its projectors.

Were our debt extinguished to-day, it is not *certain* that, under its former organization as a literary institution only, the patronage of our Diocese will be sufficient to maintain it. Some time and great caution will be necessary to re-establish confidence amongst those who have been disappointed. It is alike necessary and proper that we should at once start the inquiry amongst ourselves, whether nothing can be done to awaken the zeal of the Church, and excite the interest of her members for making this School, notwithstanding former discouragements, an instrument for advancing the glory of God and the welfare of his people. If the patronage of one Diocese will not suffice, may we not hope to enlist the co-operation of some other? Should we meet with no encouragement in the attempt, we may still fall back upon our own means, and, God blessing our exertions, we shall not ultimately fail.

Heretofore we have made the Theological department of the School a secondary object. In our experiment thus far, the education of Ministers has been contemplated but not undertaken, and it is respectfully submitted to the Convention, whether the prospect is not sufficiently inviting to demand the efforts of Episcopalians to start afresh with the same purposes that originally inspired the patrons and founders of the School, but with new zeal, and so as to constitute the Theological department the primary and chiefest design of the enterprise, making the Literary department secondary to it. Not without the most anxious reflection during the short period of our deliberations as a Committee, we have concluded that it is the duty of this Convention to make the trial. "Our help cometh from above," but, by proper exertions, and the necessary sacrifices of interest on our part, especially if we can secure the aid and co-operation of another Diocese, we can establish and maintain the Institution on this basis, and by degrees the system of instruction to the youth who may hereafter be admitted as Scholars can be revived, and the School will soon work its way through past disappointments and prevailing prejudices.

We offer no argument to prove the value and necessity of a Theological School in our section of the United States. We need not refer to the many considerations which shew that no location for it could be better, if, indeed, any other can be found as good. We forbear to repeat, what is obvious to all, that a common faith, a common interest as States, as well as Dioceses, and the facility of intercourse between us and *South Carolina*, all point to the duty of our asking, and of that Diocese accepting, any liberal and reasonable terms to be mutually agreed upon for placing the School under the joint control of *them* and *us*, to be our joint property, and to receive our united support, mainly as a Theological School. It would not be useful, if it were expedient, to define any specific terms before we had previously conferred with our brethren in *South Carolina* on this topic. Whilst your Committee would urge upon *North Carolina* to put her proposal for this union on the *most liberal terms*, they are satisfied that *South Carolina* Churchmen, should their piety and judgment approve the experiment, will meet our offers justly and enter upon it with zeal. Perhaps this object could not be accomplished better than for the Convention to delegate to our Bishop and two others the power to represent us, and in the character of delegates from this Convention, to visit

the next South Carolina Convention, and present to them our views, and invite their co-operation, and to make any arrangement with South Carolina that they shall see fit.

The Committee have instructed their Chairman to propose resolutions for carrying into practice the views expressed in this Report, and humbly praying that we may be directed from above in our determination on the subject, they respectfully submit the foregoing as the best result of their anxious deliberations.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal School shall, without delay, cause a portion of the lands purchased of Col. W. Polk, dec'd, (not more than 20 nor less than 10 acres,) to be laid off in a convenient form and so as to include all the Buildings of the School, and the residue of the said lands shall be sold at Auction and the proceeds applied towards paying the debts of the Episcopal School.

Resolved, That the Furniture and other chattels of the Episcopal School (excepting the Library) ought to be sold for the same purpose, and at same time and on same terms with the said lands.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal School shall appoint an agent to advertise the sales aforesaid, and to cause the lands to be laid off in lots of convenient size, and to sell the said lots on a credit of one and two years, with interest after 1st January, 1840. The plan of the lots shall be submitted to the Trustees of the School, and approved by them before it is fully adopted by the agent. The agent shall be paid such a commission on his sales as he and the Trustees of the Episcopal School shall agree on,—not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The notes taken for the sales shall be applied, first, to pay off in full the debt owing to Mrs. Polk, and then to discharge *pro tanto* the debt owing to Bishop's Fund, as well the principal as the interest.

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ives, and _____, lay members of our Episcopal Communion, shall be appointed, and they are hereby declared to be, Agents and Representatives of the Church in this Diocese, to present themselves before the Diocese of South Carolina, at their next Convention, and for and in behalf of this Convention and this Diocese, to propose a union of interest and union of exertion between them and us to establish and maintain a Theological School for these two Dioceses; and if this overture is accepted, the said Delegates are hereby invested with full power and authority to negotiate with the Convention of South Carolina, to contract for and transfer a part or share in the property of the Episcopal School, and in their discretion to make any farther engagements consistent with the purpose of establishing and preserving the School aforesaid: Provided, that nothing herein shall be construed in such a manner as to *divert* from its original purpose the money and property belonging to the "*Bishop's Fund*," or any part thereof.

Resolved, That if either of the two persons above chosen to represent this Diocese shall refuse to accept the appointment, or neglect to fulfil it, the Bishop is empowered and requested to fill the vacancy or vacancies.

Resolved, That this Convention do accept and approve the foregoing Report of the Committee on the Episcopal School.

List (A) referred to in the foregoing Report.

1. Paid by D. Cameron,	\$327 31, Dec. 3, 1838,	Interest to Jan. 1, 1840,	\$21 15
2. " " W. H. Haywood, Jr.	327 31, Do. do.	do.	21 15
3. " " Rev. J. Singeltary,	327 31, Do. do.	do.	21 15
4. " " Dr. F. J. Hill,	327 31, Dec. 5, 1838,	do.	21 05
5. " " Rt. Rev. Bishop,	327 31, Do. do.	do.	21 05
6. " " Rev. G. W. Freeman	327 31, Dec. 8, 1838,	do.	20 82
7. " " Rev. W. M. Green,	327 31, Dec. 22, 1838,	do.	20 10
8. " " R. Hines,	330 50, Jan. 31, 1839,	do.	18 17
9. " " E. L. Winslow,	338 11, March 21, 1839,	do.	15 71
10. " " G. E. Spruill,	333 39, March 23, 1839,	do.	15 60
11. " " T. P. Devereux,	336 29, May 20, 1839,	do.	12 31
Balance due at Bank,	420 43, Do. do.	do.	15 54
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	\$4,049 89		\$223 80

After some discussion of the above Report, the Convention took a recess for

Divine Service, which was performed by the Rev. Mr. Singeltary, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Drane, from the Gospel according to St. Mark, 4th chapter, 26th to 29th verse.

When the Convention again assembled, the discussion of the subject of the School Report was resumed; and the question being taken, the report and resolutions were severally adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Drane, the blanks in the 4th resolution were filled with the names of the Hon. Duncan Cameron and William H. Haywood, Jr. Esq.

On motion of Mr. Haywood,

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal School be requested to rent out the buildings of the School, until the next Convention, without the privilege of fire-wood, to some proper person or persons; and that in the present condition of the School, it is not expedient to let them out rent free.

Mr. Spruill, from the Committee of Finance, submitted the following Report, which, after discussion, was laid on the table, viz:

REPORT of the Committee of Finance.

The Committee of Finance, to whom were referred the accounts of the different funds belonging to the Diocese in the hands of the Treasurer, J. W. Wright, report: that having examined the same, they find them to be correct, and sustained by proper vouchers. Of the general fund, they find a balance due the Treasurer, of \$251. The balance on hand, belonging to the Missionary fund, is \$676 45—of which, one half may be considered as applicable to the year now commencing. The principal money belonging to the Episcopal fund is \$8,588 48—of which, \$7,400 are vested in the Episcopal School land and buildings—\$998 in purchasing 11 shares of Stock of Cape Fear Bank, and \$190 48 in cash securities. There is now due from the Episcopal School, for interest on the loan to them from 10th February, 1838, to 10th May, 1839, the sum of \$555, for the payment of which the Trustees of the Episcopal School will provide.

The Committee recommend the following scale of assessments on the different congregations, for the ensuing year.—[*See Appendix.*]

As the prompt payment of the Bishop's salary depends upon the regular payment of the assessments, the Committee would respectfully suggest to the Clergy of the Diocese, the necessity of their calling the attention of their several congregations to this matter, in time, each year, to have the amounts collected and forwarded to each year's Convention. There will probably be seven or eight congregations, whose assessments will not be paid at the close of this Convention. It is very desirable that the number, hereafter, shall be diminished by greater attention to the business.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. E. SPRUILL, *Chairman.*

On motion, Convention adjourned till 4 o'clock P. M.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Spruill, the Report of the Committee of Finance was taken up and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wright, as amended on motion of Dr. Cameron,

Resolved, That the salary of the Bishop of this Diocese be increased to the sum of \$1800 per annum, commencing from the Convention of 1838; which sum shall be considered as embracing his travelling expenses on official duties.

On motion of Mr. Haughton,

Resolved, That 800 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed and distributed, under the direction of the Secretary.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till Monday morning 6 o'clock.

At Night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Green, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, 10th chap. 33d verse. After which, the rite of Confirmation was administered to four persons.

On Sunday, Morning Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Green, and an Ordination Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Buxton, from Ezekiel, 3d chap., 5th, 6th, and 7th verses. The Rev. Moses Ashley Curtis was admitted to the holy order of Priests; and the holy communion was administered to about 100 persons.

In the Afternoon, Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Drane, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Curtis, from the 22d chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, 37th verse.

At Night, Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a Sermon in aid of Missions preached by the Rev. Mr. Johnston, from Corinthians, 4th chapter and 2d verse; after which a collection was taken up amounting to \$153 60. Confirmation was administered to one person.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 27.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

Resolved, That the Pastors of those congregations which have not contributed to the Missionary Fund, be requested to urge upon their people the necessity of sending forward their contributions in future, punctually, according to their ability.

On motion of Dr. Hill,

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of the city of Raleigh, for the hospitality exhibited to the members of this body, during its session, and that the Secretary be requested to spread this resolution upon the Journal.

The Convention having concluded its business, and being about to adjourn, the Right Reverend President delivered the following Address:

BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION:

Before invoking upon you a parting benediction, permit me to give expression to my heartfelt acknowledgments for the proofs, furnished in Saturday's resolution, of your affectionate anxiety to relieve me of worldly care and solicitude in the discharge of my high and arduous and most responsible spiritual duties. In addition to this provision for my bodily wants, let me ask your earnest prayers, that in the strength of it I may the more effectually minister to your spiritual necessities, and in the end be found to have been a faithful steward of the manifold grace of God. And now, while we wait only for His blessing, let our hearts be lifted up, as the heart of one man, in devout and grateful thanksgiving to Him for the zeal, the concord, and brotherly love which has marked our deliberations. The bond of union which now binds our hearts and views and exertions together in delightful harmony, should be gratefully recognized as the fulfilment to us of the promise of our divine Saviour and Head, *to be with his Church to the end of the world*. Let us thank him for these tokens of his gracious fellowship, and forget not that he hath said, "if ye *keep my commandments* ye shall *abide* in my love." Go, then, beloved, to your Parishes and your houses, feeling and confessing that *ye are not your own*; that, bought with the precious blood of the Son of God, your time, your faculties of body and mind, your substance and your influence, are all *his*, to be employed in his service and to his glory. Go, and for your admonition as well as encouragement, bear in mind, that the cause we have in hand is the cause of God, involving the honor of his Kingdom, and the salvation of creatures whom he died to redeem. Go, and let the solemn conviction abide upon our hearts, that we shall succeed in our work only as we rely upon and are sustained and led on by the Spirit of the living God. Go, then, beloved in the Lord, firm in the resolve to pray without ceasing for his blessing upon us, upon our work, upon his Kingdom of peace and good will among men; to pray, believing that "*he*

is faithful who hath promised." And, then, though we may not live to witness the signal triumphs among us *of the truth as it is in Jesus*, and though we may never again be permitted to mingle in the councils of the Church below, we *shall* be permitted to join in the anthems of victory through Christ *above*, to realize that in Him we are more than conquerors, forever. "Go, and the Lord be with you."

The Convention was then closed with a benediction by the Bishop.
EDWARD J. HALE, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

St. James's Church, Wilmington,	-	-	\$210
St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	-	-	210
Christ Church, Raleigh,	-	-	195
Christ Church, Newbern,	-	-	210
St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	-	-	195
St. Matthew's and St. Mary's Churches, Orange,			60
St. Peter's Church, Washington,	-	-	60
Christ Church, Elizabeth City,	-	-	60
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,	-	-	40
Christ Church, Rowan,	-	-	40
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	-	-	36
St. John's Church, Williamsborough,	-	-	30
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort,	-	-	24
St. Thomas's Church, Bath,	-	-	24
Trinity Church, Scotland Neck,	-	-	36
St. Thomas's Church, Craven,	-	-	15
Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	-	-	36
St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough,	-	-	50
St. Stephen's Church, Oxford,	-	-	36
St. John's in the Wilderness, Henderson County,			36
Zion Chapel, Beaufort,	-	-	12
Calvary Church, Tarborough,	-	-	25
St. Paul's Church, Swift Creek,	-	-	15
Congregation at Hertford,	-	-	20
Missionary Station, Washington County,	-		30

\$1,695

with the Treasurer of the Convention.

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1838,									
May 30.	By balance per statement reported to Convention of 1838,								\$76 13
June 11.	By cash from Rev. Mr. Singeltary, Assessment from St. Peter's Church, Washington,								50 00
	By cash from Rev. Mr. McRae, Assessment from Christ Church, Elizabeth City,								50 00
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Johnston, Assessment from St. Paul's Church, Edenton,								160 00
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Freeman, Assessment from Christ Church, Raleigh,								160 00
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Davis, Assessment from St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and Christ Church, Rowan,								48 00
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Green, Assessment from St. Matthew's and St. Mary's Churches, Orange,								50 00
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Wiley, Assessment from St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough,								40 00
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Drane, Assessment from St. James's Church, Wilmington,								175 00
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Buxton, Assessment from St. John's Church, Fayetteville,								175 00
	By cash from Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, Assessment from Christ Church, Newbern,								175 00
	By cash from do. do. do. balance for 1837,								25 00
	By cash from do. do. Assessment from St. Stephen's Church, Oxford,								20 00
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Thurston, Assessment from do. on acc't,								15 00
	By cash from do. do. Assessment from St. John's Church, Williamsborough,								25 00
	By cash from Dr. Parke, Assessment from Calvary Church, Wadesborough,								30 00
1839,									
Feb. 19.	By cash from Bank of Cape Fear, dividend of 5 per ct. on 11 shares of Stock, to 1st January,								55 00
May 18.	By new account for balance,								251 00
									<u>\$1580 13</u>

J. W. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

Dr.

Fund for the Episcopate, in account

1839,			
May 19.	To cash and securities on hand, viz:—		
	Cash,		\$190 48
	11 shares of Stock of Bank of Cape Fear, (cost)		998 00
	Loan to Episcopal School of North Carolina, secured by lien on lands and buildings,		7400 00
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			\$8588 48
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Dr.

Missionary Fund, in account with

1838,			
Aug. 3.	To Secretary's draft favor Rev. John Sunderland, for services, com- mencing June 13, 1838,		\$100 00
" 18.	To do. favor Rev. F. M. Forbes, in full to July 28, 1838,		95 00
Dec. 4.	To do. favor Rev. P. B. Wiley,		30 00
1839,	To do. do. in full to 1st Dec., 1838,		70 00
Jan. 31.	To do. favor Rev. Thomas F. Davis,		100 00
Feb. 4.	To cash paid Bishop Ives, for charges on Books,		2 99
" 18.	To Secretary's draft favor Rev. John Burke,		50 00
May 18.	To do. favor Rev. Wm. Thurston,		100 00
	To do. favor Rev. Thos. F. Davis,		100 00
	To new account for balance on hand,		676 45
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			\$1324 44
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SUMMARY.—MISSIONARY FUND.

Cr. Cash on hand at last Convention,	\$315 82	
Contributions during the year,	917 82	
Sales of Books and interest on funds in hand,	90 80	
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Dr. Appropriated in aid of salaries,	\$645 00	
To contingent charges,	2 99	
Balance on hand,	676 45	
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with the Treasurer of the Convention.

C. P.

1838,		
June,	By cash and securities on hand as reported to Convention of 1838,	\$8577 70
1839,		
May 19.	By interest on cash in Treasurer's hands,	10 78
		<u>8588 48</u>

the Treasurer of the Convention.

C. P.

1838,		
May 30.	By balance per statement reported to Convention of 1838,	\$315 82
June 11.	By cash from Rev. Mr. Singeltary, for contribution from St. Peter's Church, Washington,	56 00
	From Rev. Mr. Johnston, from St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	100 00
	From Rev. Mr. Freeman, from Christ Church, Raleigh,	118 50
	From Rev. Mr. Green, from St. Matthew's and St. Mary's, Orange,	44 00
	From Rev. Mr. Drane, from St. James's Church, Wilmington,	252 65
	From Rev. Mr. Buxton, from St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	150 00
	From Dr. Parke, from Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	24 00
	From Rev. Mr. Freeman, sales of Books,	14 50
	From Rev. Mr. Forbes, from Ladies' Missionary Society, Newbern,	53 65
	From Rev. Mr. Wiley, collection at Convention,	108 77
June 19.	From Rev. Mr. Freeman; sales of Bishop Ravenscroft's Works,	21 25
Feb. 4.	From Bishop Ives, from Mrs. Miller, of Burke,	5 00
	From do. from Mrs. Thomas,	1 00
	From do. from Ladies of Calvary Church, Wadesborough.	4 25
May 17.	From E. J. Hale, sales of Bishop Ravenscroft's Works,	10 00
	By balance for interest on funds in hand,	45 05
		<u>\$1324 44</u>
1839,		
May 18.	By balance on hand,	\$676 45

J. W. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, on the second Wednesday in May, 1840.

E. J. HALE, *Sec'y.*
